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1. A central labor organization called the Central Obrera is now being organized in Bolivia. It has already won the support and recognition of the Confederacion Sindical de Trabajadores de Bolivia (CSTB), CTAL affiliate which controls the powerful PIR-dominated Confederacion Sindical de Ferrovianos, Tranviarios y Anexos (CSFTA), and of the Confederacion de Choferes, the MNR-controlled Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores Mineros de Bolivia (FSTMB) and the Union Sindical de Trabajadores Fabriles.*
2. Antonio Mamani Alvarez has been appointed provisional head of the new organization. Mamani is a Bolivian national from Oruro, Bolivia, and a leader of Bolivian farm workers. He is affiliated with the Trotskyite Partido Obrero Revolucionario and the Federacion Obrera Local. According to source, Mamani was in prison charged with labor agitation during the time of former Bolivian President Villaroel. He was released from prison in 1946 when Villaroel was overthrown and killed. Little has been heard of him since that time.
3. Mamani Alvarez' chief supporter is Noel Mariaca Carvajal, unscrupulous labor leader who is Secretary General of the CSFTA.

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*Cf [redacted] which reported discussion of a national labor organization along these lines at the Fourth National Workers' Convention called by the CSTB in La Paz 22 - 27 May 1949.

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